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For: Display Device)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please preliminarily amend the above-referenced U.S. application as follows:

In the Specification:

On page 3, line 13, after "terminal", please insert --,--.

On page 9, prior to line 14, please insert a new heading as follows:

--Best Mode for Carrying Out the Invention--.

On page 15, line 4, please delete "to" and substitute therefor --two--.

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In the Claims:

1 3. (Amended) A device according to [either] claim 1, wherein at least one of the
2 nodes is disposed outside of the regions.

1 16. (Amended) A method of navigating a focus between spaced functional display
2 regions in a device [according to claim 2] of the type configured to generate signals for a
3 graphical display in which a focus can be navigated between spaced, functional display
4 regions such that they are individually selected when the focus is moved thereto, with a
5 plurality of spaced nodes configured so that the focus makes a step movement from one node
6 to another thereof in response to user actuation, the nodes being arranged in a mesh at the
7 intersections of a first set of spaced lines extending a first predetermined direction and a
8 second set of spaced lines extending in a predetermined second transverse direction, the
9 functional regions being irregularly disposed in the display and at least one of the nodes
10 being disposed at each of the regions respectively, the device including a user operable
11 navigation control device to provide said user actuation to move the focus from one of said
12 nodes to a next another one thereof in the mesh, the navigation device including a first
13 control to move the focus in said first predetermined direction and second control to move
14 the focus in the second predetermined direction; the method comprising inputting into the
15 user operable navigation device a movement command corresponding to movement along the
16 first predetermined direction and stepping the focus from a first spaced node to a second
17 spaced node displaced from the first node along the first predetermined direction.

1 17. (Amended) A method of navigating a focus from said mesh to said other mesh
2 in a device [according to claim 11] of the type configured to generate signals for a graphical
3 display in which a focus can be navigated between spaced, functional display regions such
4 that they are individually selected when the focus is moved thereto, with a plurality of spaced
5 nodes configured so that the focus makes a step movement from one node to another thereof
6 in response to user actuation, the nodes being arranged in a mesh at the intersections of a
7 first set of spaced lines extending a first predetermined direction and a second set of spaced
8 lines extending in a predetermined second transverse direction, the functional regions being
9 irregularly disposed in the display and at least one of the nodes being disposed at each of the
10 regions respectively, the device having additional nodes arranged on another mesh at the
11 intersections of a third set of spaced lines extending a third predetermined direction and a
12 fourth set of spaced lines extending in a predetermined fourth transverse direction, the focus
13 being navigable between said meshes; the method comprising navigating the focus to a node
14 on said mesh adjacent to said other mesh and inputting into the user operable navigation
15 device a movement command corresponding to movement off said mesh in the direction of
16 said other mesh.

1 18. (Amended) A method of navigating a focus from said mesh and onto said
2 node in a device [according to claim 15] configured to generate signals for a graphical
3 display in which a focus can be navigated between spaced, functional display regions such
4 that they are individually selected when the focus is moved thereto, with a plurality of spaced

5 nodes configured so that the focus makes a step movement from one node to another thereof
6 in response to user actuation, the nodes being arranged in a mesh at the intersections of a
7 first set of spaced lines extending a first predetermined direction and a second set of spaced
8 lines extending in a predetermined second transverse direction, the functional regions being
9 irregularly disposed in the display and at least one of the nodes being disposed at each of the
10 regions respectively, the device further having a node disposed on a handle of a scroll bar so
11 as to allow scrolling of a page and permit selection of functional display regions not
12 presently displayed; the method comprising navigating the focus to a node on said mesh
13 adjacent to node disposed on the handle of a scroll bar and inputting into the user operable
14 navigation device a movement command corresponding to movement off said mesh and onto
15 said node disposed on the handle of the scroll bar.

1 40. (Amended) A device according to [claims] claim 36, wherein the functional
2 display region is associated with a region displayed in the graphical display.

1 43. (Amended) A multimedia network terminal including a device according to
2 claim 36.

1 44. (Amended) A mobile station including a device according to claim 36.

1 45. (Amended) A personal computer including a device according to claim 36.

In the Abstract:

On page 31, line 1, after "Abstract", please insert --of the Disclosure--.

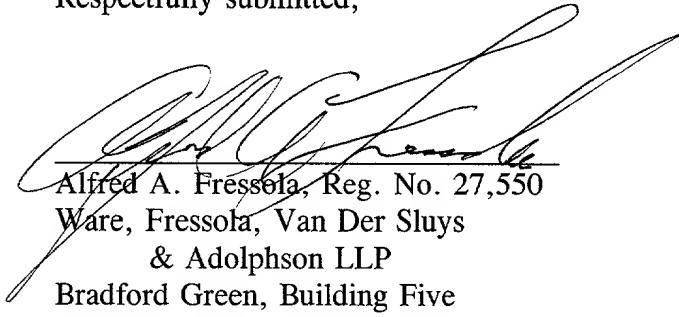
On page 31, line 2, please delete "Display device".

Remarks

This preliminary amendment is being filed for the purpose of placing the application into standard U.S. format. Consideration and allowance of the claims is earnestly solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,



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